



Legislative Committee

Members of the Finance Committee:

My name is Jeff Pugliese and I am writing you today on behalf of the Legislative Committee and the Board of Directors for the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce. The Middlesex Chamber is a dynamic business organization with over 2400 members that employ over 50,000 people.

I am writing to express the Chamber's strong opposition to several tax bills before you in this legislative session. Specifically, we believe HB-6348, HB-6349, HB-6350, SB-807 and SB-815 would seriously damage the business climate in not only Middlesex County but in the entire State of Connecticut. These proposals would lead to a substantial increase in business costs and would be harmful to the health of our economy. They would eliminate crucial tax credits and propose to expand sales taxes at a time when businesses are struggling to survive. This is counter-productive and not sound policy during an economic downturn. We urge you to reject these proposals and instead pursue legislation that would enable the business community to lead the way toward an economic recovery.

In closing I want to reiterate the Chamber's opposition to HB-6348, HB-6349, HB-6350, SB-807 and SB-815. If you require any assistance from us, please don't hesitate to contact me at 860-347-6924 or jpugliese@middlesexchamber.com. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeff Pugliese
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